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Entertainment: A Definition

Any action that is *calculated* to provide diversion, pleasure, interest, or amusement.

- Includes more common forms: TV, movies, gaming, internet, music
- Also includes broader categories: hobbies, leisure, recreation



What is Worldliness?

1 John 2:15-17

- The World is not to be loved.
- The World is directly opposed to God.
- The World is ultimately defined by selfish desires.
- The World will meet its ultimate end.

Worldliness: a lifestyle of pursuing temporal desires without regard for God's eternal guidelines.



The Worldliness Issue

Timeless Principles:

- You have been bought by Christ's blood. (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
- You can only copy ("conform to") one set of ideals. (Rom. 12:2)
- The Word holds true believers to a high standard. (Deut. 7:26)
- Be defined by Christ, not society. (Eph. 5:7-12)



Content vs. Scripture

- Filthy language/off-color humor
- Glorification of violence
- Glamorization of immorality
- Displaying discontentment
- Pushing human-centered worldviews
- Colossians 3:8
- Genesis 6:13
- 1 Thessalonians 4:3
- 1 Timothy 6:6
- 2 Corinthians 10:5



1 Peter 1:13~16

¹³Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."